

not find room to insert this week.

The report of the meeting of the Ohio Mission Board will give any information desired about it.

Bro. R. F. Mallott visited Buckeye City and preached for the brethren there, last Lord's day, and yesterday he went to Western Ohio to hold a ten days' meeting.

The person who sends us an article on Future Punishment, from Virginia, forgot to give his name. We must insist on knowing who articles are from before publishing them.

Bro. E. Mason is spending this week on a mission tour. He expects to travel 120 miles, and preach on the way. He travels by private conveyance and his family accompanies him. Bro. M. is a pioneer preacher.

We have received a number of tracts published by the Brethren Tract Society. The work they are doing is a commendable one, and we trust our people will give it encouragement, by sending for some of their tracts and distributing them.

Bro. Jacob Hazen, of the West Independence church, Ohio, came down from Fostoria, last Saturday to attend the Mission meeting, and gave us a call. He is one of the standards of the Independence church, and a brother who is gold in the Lord's building, and we were glad to welcome him.

Bro. Mason has favored us with two neat little books, nicely bound with board backs. They are the first and second volumes of the *Home Pulpit* bound. They look well in book form and make a little treasure of choice religious articles. They will be sent to any address, by mail at 65 cents per volume. Send your order to E. Mason, Farmersville, Ohio, and get the volumes, and put them in your library, and encourage that good work.

Brethren, remember Ashland College, and send your children to it. The influence is what they need, and the opportunities are the best. This is a very healthy locality, which is another thing in favor of our school, and our teachers are the most courteous and take the greatest pains to do all that they can to help the students along. The whole expense of attending school here is less than \$3.00 per week, which is a very ordinary price for board. Do not let your sons and your daughters grow up without a good practical education, when it can be obtained for so little money.

We have received reports from the Brethren church at West Independence, Ohio; Tiosa, Ind.; and Dallas Center Iowa. Keep sending them in Brethren. We want a report from every church in the Brotherhood. We have a large Record in which we are entering these reports, and they will also be published in the next Annual. We desire also, all isolated members of our Church to send in a report of themselves; that is, where they are located, and what prospects there is of building up a church in their locality, and whether they desire preaching or not, and how far they are from organized brethren churches.

Miami Valley Items.

The contemplated new church at Winchester will soon be under course of erection. At a recent council meeting, the lot was selected, and sufficient money raised on the spot to purchase it. Every effort will be made to have it completed before winter sets in. Every one is in dead earnest, and when this is the case, something will sure to be the result.

We are glad to announce that Bro. Abram Beechly of the Bear Creek congregation is again up and around, and with a little care will soon regain his usual health.

Sister Kiehl of Dayton, too, we are glad to say is convalescing.

I notice in *Gospel Messenger* of July 13, that Eld. B. F. Moomaw has something to say about Bro. Nininger and the church over which he presides in Virginia. A departure from the traditions and exclusiveness of the old church is the trouble. And what is considered the most wonderful about this affair by the elder is that this had been long prophesied by Howard Miller, and is now being fulfilled. It is strange that our German Baptist friends will take such an interest in us.

If a departure form the decisions of Annual Meeting is the trouble, why does he not look a little nearer home. And as to prophecies, I heard Bro. H. R. Holsinger modestly venture a prophecy, about four years ago, that the German Baptist church would follow the Brethren in every progressive movement, as fast as the Miami Valley elders would permit them. And all Elder Moomaw has to do, is to visit some of the churches in Ohio, Kansas, Pa. and Indiana, and he will find the prophecy fulfilled. I am afraid that honest anxiety for what Elder Moomaw considers as the truth is not the real motive for that article. I have heard something of a peculiar hostility of long standing with the house of Moomaw against the house of Nininger that may have more to do with it, than the readers of the *Gospel Messenger* will be apt to find out through its columns.

One of the accusations brought against the Brethren church is that some of her members have been treating certain Methodist brethren as fellow-Christians. I have a recollection of D. N. Workman of Ohio, at the trial of myself and some other brethren in Ashland College chapel, reading certain passages from the Discipline of the Methodist church as an authority for what they were doing. This was done in the presence, and by the consent (if we adopt the old rule of taking silence for consent) of Elder Quinter and six other elders, and a house full of auditors. Not that we did then nor even now care for this singular departure from the old ways, for we consider the Discipline of the Methodist church as good an authority as the Decisions of Annual meeting, but for the pot to call the kettle black is not in very good taste.

I will take this opportunity to announce that I have commenced a systematic investigation of the various passages of scripture, which we claim as our authority for the practice of those ordinances not generally observed by other Christian churches, and

which will be published in the *Home Pulpit*.

The next number, Vol. 3, No. 1 will contain the first article of "Expository view of John 13". These articles will be continued from number to number until complete, and they will speak for themselves.

We have been, and still are sending the *Home Pulpit* to many of the Brethren who did not send in their names to us. If any of those now thus receiving it do not desire to be considered subscribers, we would be very thankful if they would drop us a card to that effect.

EDWARD MASON.
Farmersville, Ohio.

Evangelist No. 28.

I have just finished reading No. 28 of the EVANGELIST, and considering the fact that it is "harvest time" when we usually look for a "lull" in the Correspondence Department, it is a very good number. Lanark, Dowagica, and other points in the North West, seem to be alive, while Bro. Summers brings the usual amount of cheer from Southern Indiana. Bro. Mallott still gives a good account of the Northern Indiana field. But what interested me most, was not the able and good editorials Bro. Culp's "Prophesies for our time," "The lay sermon" the "Wavelets," which are all very good, not yet the selection, which are fair in point of interest; but first and foremost, do I feel an interest in the Children's letters. They seem so natural, so guileless. Nor is it so much what they write that interests me, as to know and see that they are interested in the work. I missed them a few week's ago. Their Column was somewhat neglected, but in No. 28 three of them are heard from again.

What has become of my little Grove girl, at Vinco, Pa.? Hope she is not sick nor discouraged. Maybe she ate too much sugar? How is it pet? And what of Lidie Painter? Has her trip to Pa., made her forget her EVANGELIST friends? We shall look for letters from them soon, as well as all the rest. It is in them as we have said before that the future hope of the church lies.

Next in point of interest comes sister Laura F. Billman, with her honest simplicity of manner and thought, expressing volumes in a few lines. "We know that life is uncertain and death is certain." Allow me to call the attention of the aged who shows the works of the white sheet, the pale faced, whether in youth or in age, who show the signs of the ravages of disease in their weakened bodies to this truth. If one who so lately dedicated herself to the services of God, one in the bloom of youth, in the enjoyment of health, and the best promise of long days on earth, feels the weight of the truth she so honestly utters, should not all of us feel it more still? Yes, dear child, I too wish more sisters as well as brothers, would "help to make the paper interesting and edifying." Write again. Seeing the names of those we learned to know and to love under the heaven-inspiring circumstances, we love to remember, does us good.

Next in point of interest, comes the report of the Children's Meeting at Fennville, Mich. Not so much on account of the subject

matter of the performance, but our interest lies in the fact that they are at work. We recognize the names of some whom we have known. Notably the Snyders, Reams, &c., who moved out there and to see that they are not doing like some others who went West: settle down and become wholly absorbed in the cares of the world, and let church and S. S. work go by default; but to learn that they are about their Master's business is truly gratifying. Will not some other parties take the hint and go and do likewise.

We will close by giving our decision: No. 28 is good; only lacks Bro. Holsinger's correspondences. where are you Henry? Did you get into the Kittinging jail, did you?

P. J. BROWN.

Progress of the Seed Sown in Waymen Valley.

Since my last letter, we have added one more to the Lamb's book of Life. On Thursday evening of last week we held our prayer meeting and we are confident the Lord was with us, for it was a benefit to all present. Sister Haut made application for membership which was accepted and Friday at 7 a. m. she was baptized by Eld. Hansel. May God give her sufficient strength to hold out faithful to the end.

I am pleased to state there are others who are drawing nearer to the true and living God. May the good work go on. Our church in this valley is yet in its infancy. We are as a tender twig, and like it, we hope by the grace of God to grow stronger from day to day.

WM. F. HERMAN.
Elkport, Iowa, July 11th.

Tiosa, Ind.

Our communion at Tiosa, Fulton co., Ind., was very cheering to the church, and a great many communed for the first time.

We held a business meeting next morning, and the church called Bro. A. Woolley and Bro. Charles Miller to the ministry. May God, our heavenly Father, bless them in their work and make them useful, is my prayer.

At our regular meeting, last Sabbath, 3 more precious souls came forward and united with us: 2 by relation and one by baptism. As ever.

J. W. FITZGERALD.

Pony Creek, Kansas.

We had refrained from giving a report of Bro. A. D. Gnagey's meetings, hoping he would prefer to make his own report. The meetings though few, were well attended. The sermons were interesting and instructive.

The communion services which he conducted were very enjoyable. During the time of the communion, two were added by baptism and at the close of Bro. Gnagey's meetings, another was baptized, three in all.

Later another was added by baptism, and a pleasant feature about this last applicant was, that she is the wife of a conservative minister. The latter accompanied his wife to the water side and we feel assured that he will not impede his wife in her noble undertaking. I trust he will take no umbrage in being called a "conservative." He has not yet identified himself with us, but we still regard him as a brother, since he has always been of the

"good kind," as Bro. Holsinger would say.

Though little seems to have been reported from this church for some time, let this be known, that the church at Pony Creek still lives. I may further say that there has been two added to our number lately by relation, from the German Baptists.

JACOB LIGHTY.

Morrill, Kansas.

The Ohio Mission Work.

In accordance with the instruction of the convention held at Louisville, Ohio, June 11th and 12th, 1886, the Chairman of the Home Mission Board called a meeting of the same to convene at the home of Bro. D. J. Miller, in Wayne Co., Ohio, July 17th, 1886. The following members were present: Henry Homan, Jacob Hazen, Isaac Kilhefner, and D. J. Miller. After devotional services, the Board was organized by the election of I. Kilhefner, Secretary, and D. J. Miller Treasurer. A letter was read from Bro. C. A. Coaler, the absent member, containing words of encouragement and valuable suggestions. After some deliberation, the following rules were adopted for the regulation of the Home Mission work in the state of Ohio:

Article 1. This society shall be called the OHIO HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH.

Article 2. Officers of this Society to consist of members in good standing in said church.

Article 3. The object of the society is to diffuse the knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by aiding churches within the State that are not able to support the ministry of the word, by facilitating the organization of churches wherever they are needed, by supplying with the preached Gospel communities destitute of the same. Therefore it shall collect, receive and hold funds for this object.

Art. 4. The Board shall have the power to appoint and remove missionaries, designate their fields, make appropriations and manage and dispose of the property of the Society. The Board shall make a report at each Annual meeting of the Society, of the labors of the missionaries, and give an accurate account of their own proceedings, with such recommendations as may seem to them adapted to promote the interests of the Society.

Article 5. The Board shall appoint one or more solicitors in each church to solicit funds for the needs of the Society.

Duties of the secretary and treasurer.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct record of all the business transactions by the Board and report the same to the general Missionary meetings. He shall receive all funds designed for the benefit of the society, turn the same over to the treasurer, who shall receipt for the same and hold them subject to orders authorized by the board.

Solicitors were selected as far as the members of the board were sufficiently acquainted to make such selections in an intelligent manner, and as soon as the list can be completed, it will be published in full through the EVANGELIST.

And now in conclusion we make a special appeal to the ministers and officers of the different churches throughout the state to aid the local solicitors and the work in general as far as possible and we now depend largely upon the cooperation of our Brethren and the blessing of God for the success and prosperity of the cause.

Meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

HENRY HOMAN, Pres.

ISAAC KILHEFNER, Sec.

Married.

REAM-SNYDER.—At Fennville, Mich., July 4th, by elder Daniel W. Trow, Mr. Emmanuel Ream, of Pine Plain, and sister Emma F. Snyder, of Clyde, formerly of Louisville, and Ashland Ohio.

Every successful teacher realizes the fact that there must be a constant growth in himself, in order to produce a growth in the minds of his pupils. The old saying, that like begets like is true in this case. A live teacher will beget a live, prosperous school, while a care-me-not teacher will have a care-me-not school.